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1. Increasing numbers of soldiers were observed in Moravská Ostrava recently. A three-story building, the former German secondary school, is being evacuated reportedly for the accommodation of a headquarters. It is rumored that several other buildings are being requisitioned for Army use.
2. Civilian AA defense is being organized in Ostrava. Alert sirens are being fixed on various buildings. It is rumored that obligatory AA defense schooling of the civilian population will begin soon.
3. On 24 June 1952 at 10 a.m. a military transport was observed at the Olomouc (PSO/ N 85) railroad station. The transport consisted of two locomotives and 48 flatcars and gondolas. The first eight cars were joined together by twos and were loaded with four guns of a small calibre mounted on disproportionately large carriages. The guns were covered by tarpaulins and looked as if they were new. On the ninth car was a large calibre AA machine gun in firing position with a crew of seven soldiers. The next 26 cars were loaded with 26 Tatra trucks, 6 wheels, 5 tons each. The trucks were new and were covered by tarpaulins. The next 12 cars were loaded with 12 Praga RV trucks, 4 wheels, 3 tons each. The trucks were already used but well preserved. On the last car was a passenger car. All the cars were painted khaki. The transport while at the station was guarded by eight soldiers who mounted the train just before its departure. The guns were guarded by a guard each, and with the trucks there were at least four soldiers on each car. All the soldiers had yellow shoulder boards. The transport left in a northern direction at 10:15 a.m.¹
4. At 8 p.m. on 27 June 1952 six parachutists in brand new green overalls and red berets armed with new rifles were observed in the vicinity of Nový Bor (O51/ F 86) railroad station. The parachutists were about 20 years old and were standing at the edge of a forest.

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